

Weekly Updates From Uplands



HEADTEACHER'S MESSAGE



Thank you to everyone that joined in with the Christmas family sing along this afternoon.

Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
See you back in school on Tuesday 6th January.

CHRISTMAS CONCERT KESTRELS & EAGLES



What a spectacular event - All Saints Church was full and the atmosphere was electric. We were very proud of all the children who sang, danced, read poems and played instruments. What a wonderful way to start the Christmas festivities! A special thank you goes out to the staff who organised the event.

KESTRELS SWIMMING

Kestrel swimming lessons begin on
Wednesday 7th January 2026.
Please can Kestrels parents ensure you log onto ParentPay to settle the payment.

Thank you.



NATIVITY

Merlins & Owls

The Twinkly Nativity was a polished masterpiece. All the children sang with such gusto, acted with confidence and spoke eloquently. A massive well done to all the children and a thank you to all the staff involved in organising the production.



STROUD TOWN COUNCIL
www.stroudtown.gov.uk   

Uplands Primary School students are making their mark on a bus shelter!

This term, students from Uplands Primary School took part in a special project to transform a local bus shelter into a work of art!

As part of Stroud Town Council's **Better Bus Stops Stroud** project, local artist Marcus Walters led a creative workshop with the children, to share ideas and design artwork together.

The workshop explored animals, birds, and insects you might find at Stratford Park, as well as phrases people might say while waiting for the bus. Each contribution was imaginative, thoughtful, and unique - we can't wait to see them come to life on the bus shelter.

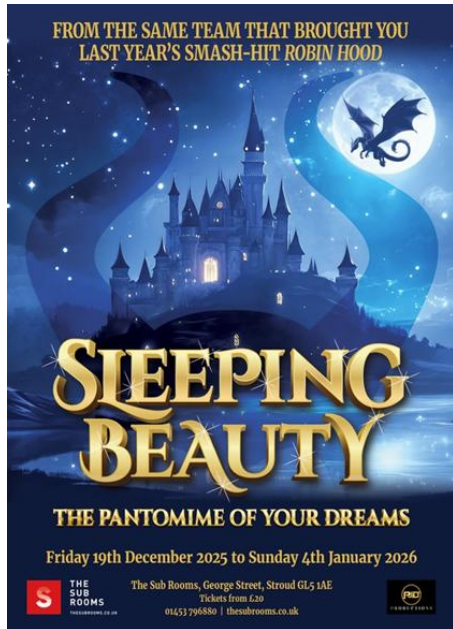
Right now, Marcus is turning the students' designs into a finished piece for the bus shelter. The completed artwork will be installed by spring 2026, so keep an eye out!

Stroud Town Council is proud to work with schools and artists to give young people the chance to shape public spaces. A huge thank you to all the students and staff at Uplands Primary School for helping make Stroud's bus stops brighter and more welcoming for everyone.



PANTO VISIT

We all had a fantastic afternoon at the Stroud Subscription Rooms on Wednesday afternoon. A massive thank you to the PTA for contributing towards the panto.



WELCOME

Welcome to Mr Millar and Mrs Reynolds who have joined us as Teaching Assistants, working across school.

School Uniform Discount Code with MyClothing

NEW discount code for parents to use when shopping with MyClothing. It gives everyone a **10% discount** until the end of December.

Code: 10%myc2025
Expires: 31st December 2025

INFORMATION

Please can we remind everyone to visit the Blogging link under the children section on our school website to find out what your child has been learning and for important dates.

Keep up to date with what's going on at Uplands. Subscribe to the school calendar:-

<https://www.uplandsprimarystroud.co.uk/diary/grid/2025/10/>

See events happening in your local area, check out the 'Whats On' link under the Parents Section on our website.

<https://www.uplandsprimarystroud.co.uk/whats-on/>

SENIOR EARLY YEARS PRACTITIONER VACANCY

We currently have a vacancy for a Senior Early Years Practitioner working in our wonderful nursery. For further information and an application form,

please visit the school website:

www.uplandsprimarystroud.co.uk

Thank you.



ELF-RIDGES"



A big 'Thank you' to Mrs Moore for organising the 'Elf-Ridges' Christmas Shop, and to the parents for donating gifts. It was a huge success again, the children really enjoyed their shopping experience!

CONGRATULATIONS!

W/c 8th December



*The Attendance Cup
is awarded to Eagles!*

*Team Points are awarded to
Thompson!*

CONGRATULATIONS!

W/c 15th December



*The Attendance Cup
is awarded to Merlins!*

*Team Points are awarded to
Folly & Thompson!*

STAR OF THE FORTNIGHT

Friday 12th December

During last Friday's assembly we celebrated the children's exceptional learning and they were presented with a Star Award that will be a reminder of their achievement.

This week's winners are:

Merlins: Layla, Florence

Owls: Rowan, Dylan, Zayn, Idgy

Congratulations Everyone!

Keep Up the Good Work!

**HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A VERY
HAPPY CHRISTMAS!
SEE YOU ALL NEXT YEAR!**



REMINDER

**Monday 5th January 2026 - Inset Day
Term 3 Commences on Tuesday 6th January 2026**



Yours sincerely,

JPowell

Mr James Powell
Head Teacher

DIARY DATES - 2025-2026	
Monday 22 December – Friday 2 nd January 2026	Christmas Holidays
Monday 5 th January	Inset Day – School Closed
Tuesday 6 th January	Children return to school
Wednesday 7 th January	Kestrels Swimming Lessons – 2pm

FROM THE SAME TEAM THAT BROUGHT YOU
LAST YEAR'S SMASH-HIT ROBIN HOOD

SLEEPING BEAUTY

THE PANTOMIME OF YOUR DREAMS

Friday 19th December 2025 to Sunday 4th January 2026

THE SUB ROOMS
THE SUB ROOMS LTD
01453 796880 | thesubrooms.co.uk

The Sub Rooms, George Street, Stroud GL5 1AE
Tickets from £20

The tale of the beautiful Princess who is cursed by the evil Carabosse to perish on her 21st Birthday by pricking her finger on a spinning wheel. Saved by the good fairies, she falls into a deep sleep and can only be awoken by her true love.

Join us for more music, magic and mayhem as PID Productions bring their fifth annual pantomime to the Sub Rooms and deliver fantastic festive fun for the whole family!

"It's modern, current, and quite simply hilarious, so if pantos aren't your thing, I urge you to give this one a go – you'll look forward to it every year from here on out!"

The Stroud Times

Friday 19 December 2025			6pm	Gold Band Shows Adult from £25 Child from £23
Saturday 20 December 2025	11am	3pm	7pm	
Sunday 21 December 2025	11am	3pm		Silver Band Shows Adult from £20 Child From £18
Monday 22 December 2025	11am	3pm		
Tuesday 23 December 2025	11am	3pm		Adult Only Shows £25 All Seats
Wednesday 24 December 2025	11am	3pm		
Friday 26 December 2025			4pm	
Saturday 27 December 2025	11am	3pm	7pm	
Sunday 28 December 2025	11am	3pm		
Monday 29 December 2025	11am (R)	3pm		
Tuesday 30 December 2025	11am	3pm		
Wednesday 31 December 2025	11am	3pm		
Friday 2 January 2026			2pm	8pm (AO)
Saturday 3 January 2026			2pm	8pm (AO)
Sunday 4 January 2026			2pm	

(AO) Adults Only
Friday 2nd and Saturday 3rd January at 8pm
Our Adult Only performances offer the chance to leave the kids at home and experience panto with no filter whatsoever! Absolutely not for the faint hearted or easily offended.

(R) Relaxed Performance
Monday 29th December at 11am
A performance specifically designed to welcome people who will benefit from a more relaxed environment, including people with an autism spectrum condition, sensory and communication disorders or learning disability.